other office use items to Govt. Departments. As regards supplies through local suppliers, the NCCF has informed that as far as possible, NCCF makes purchase of goods from manufacturers/distributors/dealers and in some cases, where there are no arrangements for supply of a particular item with the manufacturers/distributors/ dealers, the goods are purchased from the local suppliers.

(b) and (c) the NCCF has informed that for supply of branded items, suppliers are registered for specific items.

(d) Since the NCCF supplies a large number of items and the information sought for is very voluminous, the NCCF has informed that it is not practically possible to compile the same.

Loss due to fire in the Ministry of Food

2206. SHRI LAKKHIRAM AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of loss due to fire in the Ministry of Food and its attached offices during 1992-93;

(b) the findings of the Enquiry Committee, alogwith the Police Findings Report;

(c) how much expenditure was incurred on purchase of furniture, stationery, typewriters, almirahs and wooden articles; the details therof; and

(d) whether there were a number of complaints against officials of the Ministry of Food and its attached offices for committing irregularity in the purchases and transferring of records/ furniture, etc., if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYAPAL SINGH YADAV): (a) A fire incident occurred on 16.10.92 in Krishi Bhavan. Thought there was no major damage to the rooms occupied by the then Ministry of Food, some of the rooms of Directorate of Sugar along with the official files records were damaged in the holocaust. The extent of loss/damage done due to above fire was worked out to the tune of approx. Rs. 10 lakhs. The fire also caused damage to the electricity/ telephone wiring etc. As the responsibility of the maintenance of the building/electricity and of telephones was of the CPWD and MTNL respectively, it is not possible to give the estimate of the damage and cost/expenditure incurred by them. Details of losses incurred by the Directorate of Sugar in the fire are given at statement-I. (*See* below).

(b) As per records available in the Ministry of Food & Consumer Affairs, Directorate of Sugar, no report was lodged with the police. However, a report on damages/loss to this Directorate was prepared and handed over to the then Ministry of Food for onward handing over to Police authorities.

(c) An approval of Rs. 5.87 lakh was obtained from the then Secretary (Food) for purchase of items essentially required for smooth functioning of the office after the fire incident. The final purchase was, however, limited to the tune of Rs. 5.15 lakhs only. In addition to that a sum of Rs. 5570/- was also spent by the Ministry on incidental expenses for clearing the water and cleaning the rooms etc. Details of expenditure incurred by the Directorate of Sugar on purchases are given at Statement-II. (*See* below)

(d) A complaint was received from the Vigilance Section of the Ministry of Food against the then Administrative Officer lodging therein irregularities committed by him in the purchases made after the fire incident. However, on scrutiny of records it was found that no irregularity was committed by him as all the purchases were made through the authorised government agencies after taking due approval of the competent authority and also no malafide or undue advantage was suspected. Therefore, the case against the concerned official has since been closed.

Statement-I

Details of Losses Incurred by Directorate of Sugar in the Fire Incident on 16.10.1992

Room NO.	Section	Extent of Damage	Details of Loss	
569.	Sugar Control and Sugar Release	Almost all records and furniture has been burnt. extent of damage about 95%	Tables	18 Nos.
			Chairs	22 Nos.
			Wooden Rack	12 Nos.
			large Rack	5 Nos.
			Typewriters	5 Nos.
			Telephoene	3 Nos.
			Wall Clocks	2 Nos.
			Steel Racks	3 Nos.
			Almirahs	2 Nos.
			Desk Facit	
			Calculators	5 Nos.
			Table Fan	3 Nos.
			Pocket Calculators	12 Nos.
571.	Stat.I	About 60% of records have been damaged.	Typewriter	2 Nos.
			Chairs	5 Nos.
568.	Stat.II	About 50 to 60% of records have been damaged	Typewriters	1 Nos.
			Calculator	1 Nos.
568-A	Officers Room	50% files damaged	Calculators	2 Nos.
570.	ST Section	100% Damaged	Table	9 Nos.
			Chairs	12 Nos.
			Typewriter	3 Nos.
			Large Racks	6 Nos.
570.	Development Council	100% Damaged	All records have been burnt	
			All Funiture have been	6 Nos.
			Destroyed.	8 Nos.
			Tables	3 Nos.
			Chairs	8 Nos.
			Typewriters	4 Nos.
			Almirahs	
			Wooden Racks	
570.	Costing Cell	100% Damaged	All furniture have been destroyed.	
			Tables	4 Nos.
			Chairs	5 Nos.
			Typewriters	2 Nos.
			Almirahs	3 Nos.

In addition to the above postage stamps worth Rs. 10,000/- were also Destroyed.

Statement-II

Details of Expenditure Incurred by the Directorate of Sugar on Purchases Made After Fire Incidence on 16.10.1992.

Sl. No.	Item	Quantity	Total Amount
1.	Pocket Calculator	08	2,782.00
2.	Solar Cell	06	5,237.00
3.	Pocket Calculator	10	2,403.50
4.	Solar Cell	06	5,237.00
5.	Wall Clock	09	2,250.00
6.	Brief Case	08	5,064.00
7.	Mayur Jug	10	3,778.00
8.	Typewriter (English)	06	27,442.00
9.	Typerwriter (English)	02	38,922.00
10.	Typewriter (Hindi)	06	
11.	Photocopier Machine Model SFT-Z-120	01	1,50,528.00
12.	Steel Almirah	12	
	Officer Table	05	
	Clerk Table	12	1,37,010.50
	Steel Chair with arm	32	
	Steel Chair without arm	11	
13.	Steel Rack (7 shelves)	04	13,979.00
14.	Steel Rack (3 shelves)	08	12,529.00
15.	Revolving chair executive	03	
16.	Steel Almirah	06	38,825.00
17.	Steel Rack (7 shelves)	03	
18.	Stationery		70,000.00

Misuse of Government funds by Sugar Mills

2207. SHRI LAKKHIRAM AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of Cess collected on sugar since the beginning of Sugar Cess Act 1982 and the expenditure incurred in various Heads like "SUGAR DEVELOPMENT FUND", year-wise;

(b) the names of sugar factories to whom Government granted loans during the last five years and the actual amount disbursed;

(c) the amount outstanding against each mill, a longwith interest, during the same period; and

(d) the number of vigilance cases with regard to sugar Development Fund, Sugar licencing, etc. reported/registered for misuse of Government funds and financial irregularities during the same period and the details of case referred to C.V.C/C.B.I.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PAL SINGH YADAV): (a) A statement showing cess collected on Sugar from the Year 1982-83 to 1998-99 (upto 30.9.98) is indicated at Annexure Yearwise details of expenditure incurred from the Sugar Development Fund is given at Annexure.

[*See Appendix* 185, *Annexure No.* 55]

(b) A lsit of sugar factories to whom loans for modernisation and cane de-